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## Firefighters clean up acid spill

Tukwila firefighters spent about four hours Thursday afternoon cleaning up a hazardous chemical spill at the Boeing plant on East Marginal Way South.

The accident occurred when a worker was transferring a solution that was 36 percent nitric acid from a 55-gallon drum to a 5-gallon glass bottle, said Lt. Frank Schonians, of the Tukwila Fire Department.

The worker spilled some of the solution on his shoe or foot, so he shut down the system to go wash off. However, the shut-off valve did not close completely and siphoned about 15-20 gallons of the liquid onto a concrete surface in an outdoor area. The area was bounded by a protective berm, which contained the spill, Schonians said.

The worker was examined at Boeing Medical Center where he was found to be uninjured.

Firefighters were dispatched at about 1:30 p.m. to Building 2-62 at the plant, 7755 East Marginal Way S., where they used soda ash and Spill-X to neutralize the acid. It took a hazardous materials team until about 5:30 p.m. to pick up the material and clean the area.